



**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2014.04.22](#)

**DATE:** Tuesday April 22, 2014

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean just east of Shepard Park in Cocoa Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 42-year-old male from Germany.



*Double red flags*

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** Light NW winds at 6 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, April 23, 2014

**SEA CONDITIONS:** At 15h00, the sea surface temperature was 70°-73°F, surf was three to four feet, with a NE/ENE swell. Mean high tide occurred at 14h22.

**TIME:** 15h30

**NARRATIVE:** Few details. The man reached shore unaided. Oscar Mofjell was walking down to the beach when he said he saw the man come out of the water with a wound to his foot. Mofjell said the victim was pale and couldn't communicate. Afterwards, Brevard County lifeguards raised double red flags to indicate that there was potentially dangerous marine in the vicinity.

**INJURY:** He sustained a four-inch laceration and puncture wounds to the dorsal surface of the right foot (and possibly, a laceration to the right lower leg).

**TREATMENT:** The injured man was treated on site by Brevard County lifeguards and

Brevard County Fire Rescue who transported him to Cape Canaveral Hospital for treatment.

**SPECIES:** Not identified, but based on the diameter of the bite, Brevard County Ocean Rescue Chief Jeff Scabarozzi estimated that the shark was three to four feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Florida Today, April 22, 2014; ClickOrlando.com, April 22, 2014